



The First Baptist Church at Worship  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
COMMUNION SUNDAY  
January 2, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM



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THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

“The Old Year Now Has Passed Away”

J. S. Bach

Preludes on Christmas Carols

Healey Willan, Helmut Walcha, and Paul Manz

## In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

\*OPENING HYMN

#151 *We Three Kings*  
KINGS OF ORIENT

The opening stanza is about the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem. The middle three stanzas explain a meaning for each of the three gifts. Gold signified royalty, and frankincense, deity. Myrrh foretold that the Christ child was born to die. The last stanza summarizes the song, calling Jesus the “King and God and Sacrifice,” and ending in a peal of alleluias.

## Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ray Landis

**Jeremiah 31:7-14:** For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

**John 1:10-18:** He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

FELLOWSHIP HYMN

**#148** *What Child Is This*  
GREENSLEEVES

Have you ever studied the words of Isaiah 9:6-7 they begin, *For to us a child is born* and realized just how strange they are? At first glance, the grand titles and expectations seem absurd to place on a child. It's a strange picture, a small child, hunched over like Atlas, a parliament building set on his shoulders, wearing a crown, perched on a throne, with a very troubled look on his face, as if to say, "What in the world am I doing here?" And yet, this is exactly what these verses tell us to be true. Of course, there was no actual building, no real throne, and no crown but one of thorns. But the thought is still astounding that this child, this baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, would be the fulfillment of these promises. He would be, and is, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. It is this astonishing prophecy that we keep in mind when we ask the question, *What child is this?*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(The children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last verse of the Fellowship Hymn. Following the message, children will rejoin their families in the pews.)

CALL TO PRAYER

**#385** *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*  
WHELPTON

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Coggins

SPECIAL MUSIC

Justen Seay

Mary, Did You Know? ..... Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new;  
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,  
And when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God?*

*Mary, did you know? The blind will see, the deaf will hear,  
The dead will live again, the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb!  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy was Heaven's perfect Lamb,  
And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great, the Great I AM?  
Oh, Mary, Mary, did you know?*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*"The Dawn of Gladness"*

## Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Alsbaugh

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION HYMN

**#460** *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*  
ELLERS

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup and return to your seats.  
We will partake together at the end of the hymn.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

## The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

**#124** *The First Nowell*  
THE FIRST NOWELL

This carol tells a story loosely based on the Gospel accounts in Luke 2 and Matthew 2 of the events surrounding Jesus' birth, with the shepherds, the star, and the wise men. The first two lines of the final stanza calls us to action, as the wise men reverently worshiped the Christ, so we should with *one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord*. The last two lines recall that our Lord is the Creator and the Savior of the world.

## The Right Hand of Fellowship

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Today we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to:

### **Marin Rose See**

*Marin joins by Baptism. Her faith partner is Ava Powell.*

### **Ethan Joshua Charron**

*Ethan joins by Baptism. His faith partner is Diane Charron.*

### **Corine McMaster**

*Corine joins by Letter from Huber Heights First Baptist Church.  
Her faith partner is Debby Menzel.*

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

“Noel X” ..... Louis Claude Daquin

(\* ) You’re invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.*

**Thank you!**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome** to our in-person worship! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

**Please Note!** Wearing a mask is strongly recommended. Pastor Jason and Barbara Bogan will continue wearing masks during their times together with the children.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcd Dayton.org/>). Live zoom gatherings are usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 5:00PM unless otherwise announced. This is a time to connect with one another, pray, and have a lesson. Anyone is welcome to join us through any of these venues as we try to reach people in safe and meaningful ways.

### Prayer for the Armed Forces

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Prayers of the People

*(If you have someone you’d like to add or remove, please let us know.)*

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|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Elizabeth Ard        | Neil Earnest           | Judy Smith                        |
| Paige Bartlett       | Lavanda Ferguson       | Chas Snyder                       |
| Marlen Berghuis      | Joel Frydman           | Sutton Family                     |
| Allyson Black        | Bev Harrell            | Kaye Suryk                        |
| Jessica Blair        | Linda Haskins          | Emily Taylor                      |
| Don Brown            | Barbara Jett           | Anne Veghte                       |
| Melinda Brown        | Anna Frances Lasley    | Sara Vice                         |
| Robert Brown         | Brad Lawson            | Waldrop Family                    |
| Andrew Caldwell      | Jerry Lawson           | Zachery Williamson                |
| Mary Anne Chadbourne | Trish Lawson           | <i>Healthcare Workers</i>         |
| Tami Malone Charles  | Steve Liss             | <i>Police &amp; Fire Fighters</i> |
| June Collier         | Tim Meador             |                                   |
| Ruth Cook            | Arthur Merkle          | <b>Military Duty:</b>             |
| Pamela Cress         | John D. & Shirley Nash | Sunny Ewald                       |
| Dilworth Family      | Mary Ann Paloncy       | Brittany Kalbfleisch              |
| Florida Dixon        | Susan Reichard         | Will Radachi                      |
| Downs Family         | Bill Salyers           | Andy Wilson                       |
| Jim Earnest          | Judy See               |                                   |

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

*Happy New Year!*

**Week of Jan. 2 – 9**

Sun. 2	10:00a .....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a .....	Coffee Fellowship
	.....	No Sunday School Classes
	5:00p .....	Zoom Gathering
Mon. 3	.....	Annual Reports for 2021 are due
Thu. 6	7:00p .....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 8	9:00a .....	Undecorating the Church
Sun. 9	10:00a .....	Worship Service
	11:15a .....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a .....	Sunday School Classes / Activities

**Annual Reports Due Jan. 3**

Annual reports for 2021 are due by Monday, January 3, 2022 from all Board Chairs, Committee Chairs, and pastoral staff. Please email reports to Linda Blair at [fbcd@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:fbcd@fbcd Dayton.org). The booklet will then be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting (no dinner) to be held on Sunday, Jan. 30, after service.

**Undecorating the Church  
Saturday, Jan. 8 starting at 9:00am**

Helping hands are needed to take down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 8, beginning at 9:00am.

**Chancel Flowers**

Chancel flowers are a great way to make a dedication to the remembrance of or in thanksgiving to a loved one, an anniversary, or to the congregation as a whole, in addition to making the sanctuary sparkle. You may select a Sunday to donate flowers by writing your name on the calendar that is posted on the hallway bulletin board. Linda B. will then contact you with details.



**All Boards Meetings**

**Wednesday, Jan. 12 @ 7pm**

**Executive Council Meeting**


**Wednesday, Jan. 17 @ 6:30pm**

**Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, Jan. 30 after worship to approve the 2022 budget**

**Changes to Courier Delivery to Begin in 2022**

Beginning with the January 2022 edition, we are going to adjust the way we send out our *Courier* church newsletter. For years we have sent it out only in printed form via bulk mailing, but with increased costs and new technology, we are going to start sharing the *Courier* electronically (just as we do with weekly e-news), while still making printed copies available via first class mail for those who still wish to receive it in that form. We will also have printed copies available for pickup at the church. These changes will reduce our use of paper and printing materials, reduce our postage costs, and free us from some of the content restrictions that come with bulk mailing. We'll be able to continue to provide all of the important information related to the life and ministry of First Baptist, and more. If you would like to continue receiving a printed copy of the *Courier*, please contact Linda Blair in the church office at 937-222-4691 or email [fbcd@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:fbcd@fbcd Dayton.org).



## **The Right Hand of Fellowship**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**  
**First Baptist Church of Dayton**

*Today we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to:*

**Marin Rose See**  
**Ethan Joshua Charron**  
**Corine McMaster**

### *Receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship*

Deacon: My friends, in the presence of God and these witnesses, having professed your faith in Jesus Christ, do you now give yourself unreservedly to Christ's service, and enter into the fellowship, the joys, and the responsibilities of membership in this church?

Response: I do.

Congregation: As members of this church, we gladly welcome you into the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Jesus Christ. We promise to walk with you in Christian love and sympathy, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the Christian life.

Deacon: "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into the Holy temple of the Lord."

*(Ephesians 2:12-21)*